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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Boardman et al.

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PRODUCING HYDROGEN USING A  
NUCLEAR REACTOR

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION (37 C.F.R. § 1.116)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the following amendment  
submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2002, and made final.

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (twice amended) A system for generating hydrogen comprising:

feed water;

a liquid metal nuclear reactor having a non-radioactive secondary heat loop;

a steam generator connected to said secondary heat loop, said steam generator capable of raising the temperature of said feed water;

a high temperature water cracking system, said feed water coupled to said water cracking system by a feed water input line; and

a topping heater, said topping heater capable of raising the temperature of said feed water, said feed water input line coupled in flow communication with said steam generator, said